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**REQUEST FOR PRE-APPEAL BRIEF REVIEW**

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Dear Sirs:

This correspondence is filed in response to the office action of May 2, 2008.

REMARKS

Claims 1, 2, 3, 9-14, 20, and 21 are presently pending. Claims 5-8, and 15-19 are cancelled without prejudice. Assignee respectfully requests pre-appeal brief review of the rejections.

Claims 1, 9, and 20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being obvious from Ritchey. Claim 9 recites, among other limitations, "wherein audio decoding comprises MPEG 1 level 3 decoding processes".

Examiner has indicated that "Ritchey teaches the use encoding and decoding of MPEG video it would have been obvious at the time the invention was made that MEPG standards applies to both video of and audio processed with the device of Ritchey. It is suggested in Ritchey specification that several formats are applicable such 'NTSC, PAL, SECAM, IDTV, HDTV, or the like' is processed within the device which inherently supports MPEG 1 level 3 or the like". Office Action at 2.

Assignee respectfully traverses the rejection. Even if it is true that "MPEG standards" are applicable to "both video ... and audio processed with the device of Ritchey", it does not follow that Ritchey teaches "audio decoding comprises MPEG 1, Level 3 decoding processes". "In relying upon the theory of inherency, the examiner must provide a basis in fact and/or technical reasoning to reasonably support the determination that the allegedly inherent characteristic necessarily flows from the teachings of the applied prior art." *Ex parte Levy*, 17 USPQ2d 1461, 1464 (Bd. Pat. App. & Inter. 1990) (emphasis in original). Even if it is true that "MPEG standards" are applicable to "both video ... and audio processed with the device of Ritchey",

there is no teaching in Ritchey that MPEG standards must be used.

Additionally, Assignee respectfully submits that formats such as "NTSC, PAL, SECAM, IDTV, HDTV, or the like" do not inherently teach MPEG 1 level 3 or the like. NTSC, PAL, SECAM, IDTV, and HDTV are *video display standards*, while MPEG 1 level 3 is an *audio compression standard*.

Thus, for at least the foregoing reasons, Assignee respectfully requests that the rejections to claims 1, 9, and 20 be withdrawn.

For at least the foregoing reasons, each of the pending claims are in a condition for allowance and such a notice is respectfully requested. Please charge any required fees not paid herewith or credit any overpayment to the Deposit Account of McAndrews, Held & Malloy, Ltd., Account No. 13-0017. Should anything remain in order to place the present application in condition for allowance, the Examiner is kindly invited to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

Respectfully submitted,



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Applicant requests review of the final rejection in the above-identified application. No amendments are being filed with this request.

This request is being filed with a notice of appeal.

The review is requested for the reason(s) stated on the attached sheet(s).

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